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January 25—"The Manufacture of Porcelain," by Ross C. Purdy, chief chemist of the Norton Company, Worcester, Mass.

January 25—"Glazes and Enamels," by Albert V. Bleining.

February 1—"Special Phases of the Glass Industry," a symposium, by Chas. H. Kerr, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Dr. S. R. Scholes, assistant director, Mellon Institute of Industrial Research, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Professor Alexander Silverman, professor of chemistry, University of Pittsburgh.

February 8—"Special Methods of Pyrometry," by Dr. H. S. Stupakoff, director of the Stupakoff Laboratories, Pittsburgh, Pa.

February 15—"The Present Status of the Chemical Technology of Vanadium," by Dr. B. D. Saklat-Walla, chief chemist of the American Vanadium Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

February 22—"The Manufacture of Steel Tubing," by F. N. Speller, National Tube Company.

March 1—"The Manufacture of Steel in the Electric Furnace," by Professor Fred Crabtree, professor of metallurgy, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pa.

March 8—"The Corrosion of Iron and Steel," by Dr. D. M. Buck, American Sheet and Tin Plate Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

March 15—"Catalysis," by Dr. M. A. Rosanoff, professor of research chemistry, Mellon Institute of Industrial Research, University of Pittsburgh.

March 22—"Recent Developments in the Electrochemistry of Organic Compounds," by Dr. Harold Hibbert, research fellow, Mellon Institute of Industrial Research, University of Pittsburgh.

March 29—"Industrial Applications of the Phase Rule," by Dr. M. A. Rosanoff.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

By the will of Dr. George S. Lynde, of New York, Bowdoin College is left \$10,000, Phillips Exeter Academy \$20,000, as a memorial to Dr. Lynde's parents, and Yale University is made the residuary legatee. The value of the estate is not given.

THE E. H. Skinner Company, of Boston, are now at work constructing a new \$25,000 organ for Oberlin College, which will be located in Finney Memorial Chapel. The new organ is the gift of Frederick Norton Finney, of Pasa-

dena, California, and of Charles M. Hall, of Niagara Falls.

THE University of Strassburg, like the other German universities, has opened the semester at the usual time.

A MEMBER of the faculty of the University of Louvain has been engaged to give courses at the University of Chicago during the winter and spring quarters, his salary to be paid by Chicago. The name of the lecturer and his field of work will be announced later.

THE master of Christ's College, Cambridge, states that the university is taking in Belgian students from all Belgian universities, and a committee is endeavoring to organize systematic teaching in French and Flemish, and also hospitality. There are already some fifty students and more than twenty professors in residence. Though the resources of the committee are limited, no student need be kept away by want of means. The master of Magdalen states that there are a number of Belgian professors at Oxford, including nine from Louvain, that a Belgian student's committee has been formed, and that it is intended to give facilities to professors and students for free admission to university institutions and lectures.

DR. SIDNEY E. MEZES, president of the University of Texas and previously professor of philosophy at that institution, has accepted the presidency of the College of the City of New York, vacant since the resignation of Dr. John H. Finley to become state commissioner of education.

DR. JAMES ROWLAND ANGELL, professor of psychology and dean of the faculties of arts and literature at the University of Chicago, has been offered the presidency of the University of Washington.

DR. F. M. BARNES, JR. has resigned from the faculty of the medical school of the St. Louis University, to become associate in psychiatry in Washington University.

THE following additions have been made to the staff of the chemistry department of the North Carolina College: C. F. Miller, B.S.

(Wesleyan, '09), Ph.D. (Cornell, '14); E. L. Frederick, A.B. ('11), Ph.D. (Johns Hopkins, '14); J. T. Dobbins, A.B. ('11), A.M. ('12), Ph.D. (North Carolina, '14).

New appointments at the Rice Institute are as follows: Claude William Heaps, B.Sc. (Northwestern), Ph.D. (Princeton), of Columbia, Mo.; formerly fellow of Princeton University; instructor in physics at the University of Missouri, to be instructor in physics; Arthur Romaine Hitch, B.A. (Washington), Ph.D. (Cornell), of Syracuse, N. Y.; formerly assistant instructor in chemistry at Cornell University, research chemist of the Solvay Process Company, Syracuse, N. Y., to be instructor in chemistry; Herbert Kay Humphrey, B.Sc., in electrical engineering (Illinois), M.Sc. (Union), of Schenectady, N. Y., consulting engineer of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y., to be instructor in electrical engineering; Joseph Horace Pound, B.Sc. in mechanical engineering (Missouri), of Pittsburgh, Pa.; engineer and instructor in the School of Apprentices of the Westinghouse Machine Company, to be instructor in mechanical engineering; Edwin Eustace Reinke, M.A. (Lehigh), Ph.D. (Princeton), of Princeton, N. J., formerly Proctor fellow of Princeton University, to be instructor in biology; Radoslav Andrea Tsanoff, B.A. (Oberlin), Ph.D. (Cornell), of Worcester, Mass., formerly Sage fellow of Cornell University; instructor in philosophy at Clark University, to be assistant professor of philosophy; William John Van Sicklen, M.A. (Stanford), of Palo Alto, Calif., instructor in chemistry at Stanford University, to be instructor in chemistry.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### THE ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: In the current number of *The Atlantic Monthly* there appears, on one of the pages devoted to biographical sketches of the contributors, a statement concerning the committee on the organization of a national Association of University Professors, to which reference is made in Professor H. C. Warren's valuable article on

"Academic Freedom" in the same issue. The statement seriously misrepresents the functions of the committee and the purposes of those interested in the organization of the new society; and it is published without the committee's authorization, and, as Professor Warren permits me to say, without that of the author of the article. The committee is in no sense a body for the investigation of grievances or for the examination of internal conditions in American universities. Its only duty is to prepare plans for the formation of a representative professional organization of university teachers. The committee has defined its own understanding of the purposes of the organization as follows:

. . . to bring about more effective cooperation among the members of the profession in the discharge of their special responsibilities as custodians of the interests of higher education and research in America; to promote a more general and methodical discussion of problems relating to education in higher institutions of learning; to create means for the authoritative expression of the public opinion of the body of college and university teachers; to make collective action possible, and in general to maintain and advance the ideals and standards of the profession.

It may perhaps be well to take this occasion to report to those interested that the committee expects to call a meeting for the formal organization of the association during the last week of December. The day and place can not yet be announced. The committee, after much discussion, determined last spring that members of the profession should, at least at the outset, be asked to adhere to the association as individuals, and not as representatives of their local faculties. The committee is therefore about to send out invitations to a large number of university and college professors who are known to the committee, or to those who have been called upon for advice in the matter, as well qualified representatives of the several sciences. Doubtless, through the limitations of the knowledge of the committee and its advisers, many to whom invitations should be sent will be overlooked. It is not contemplated, however, that the eventual